

Executive Administrator Report

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Upcoming 2022 NCSBN Meetings

- NCSBN Annual Meeting—Aug 17—19 in Chicago, IL
- NCLEX Conference—September 22 held Virtual
- Tri-Regulator Symposium—October 13—14 in Washington D.C.
- NCSBN Leadership and Public Policy Conference—November 2—4 in St. Augustine, FL

COVID-19 Updates:

- Staffing options of hybrid, traditional and flex scheduling continue for the majority of the staff that can work remotely
- 67% of staff are in the hybrid schedule (remote with a minimum of 8 hrs. in the agency weekly)

Board Member Terms:

- Julianna Rieschick (7/01/18 to 6/30/25—second term)
- Rebecca Sander (7/1/16 to 6/30/24—second term)
- Patricia Zeller (7/1/14 to 6/30/22—second term)
- Gita Noble (7/1/18—6/30/22—first term)
- Jade Ramsdell (7/1/19—6/30/23—first term)
- Andrea Watson (7/1/20—6/30/24—first term)
- Adri Gouldsmith (7/1/19—6/30/23—first term)
- Giovannie Gone (7/1/20—6/30/24—first term)
- Lori Owens (7/1/21—6/30/25—first term)
- Melissa Oropeza (7/1/20—6/30/25—first term)
- Vacant RN position (7/1/2019—6/30/2023)

Information about Board Member vacancies added to next newsletter

Regulation Revisions:

- CNE regulations draft revisions require a small revision and then re-submitted through the approval process
- Will work on the requested revisions to the Graduate Nursing Education regulations and bring to September 2022 meeting

Strategic Plan:

- Final 2019—2022 Strategic Plan will be in the September 2022 Board meeting packet

FY 22 and FY 23 Budgets:

- Appropriations were given to KSBN that match the budget request submitted
- Includes a 5% pay increase for staff

Legislative Session:

- HB 2477 was passed in January that extends most of the COVID-19 waivers (not license expiration extension). KSBN Update which explains the changes was distributed and is available on the KSBN website.
- A bill was passed that changes the approval process for rules and regulation revisions
- Attended Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations meeting on April 26, 2022 with BOHA per the request of JCARR whenever changes are presented on the CNM-I rules and regulations. The minutes of the meeting are available in the APRN packet that includes their comments.

S Sub for HB 2279 implementation:

- Senate Sub for HB 2279 is the bill that includes language that allows APRNs to prescribe without supervision of a physician, requirement of national certification for initial APRN licensure and requirement that APRNs must carry malpractice insurance
- Passed the Legislature and signed by Governor Kelly
- Includes two timelines for implementation
- Seven rules and regulations required revision

Worked with Legal Counsel to draft temporary and permanent regulation revisions

Special Board meeting held on May 6 to obtain permission from the Board to take temp and permanent revisions forward through the approval process

After several small revisions, obtained the Department of Administration approval on May 12 and submitted them to the Attorney General's office for their review

Working on bill implementation changes for the agency with Operations, IT and Licensing Supervisor

Continue to work on getting accurate communication out regarding the content of the bill and the timelines. An additional communication method utilized is a special edition of our newsletter.

Meetings attended:

- NLC Midyear meeting on March 14, 2022
- NCSBN Midyear meeting on March 15—17, 2022
- NCSBN APRN Roundtable on April 12, 2022
- Non Cabinet agencies leadership meeting on April 21, 2022
- Presented on KSBN Updates at the KONL Conference on April 29, 2022

Projects:

- Member of the CE Broker implementation team
- Submitted information for the next edition of the newsletter
- Reviewer for Kansas Board of Regents FY 23 Nursing Grant applications

Projects (cont):

- Worked with Executive Assistant to update committee applications and get those on website and communication sent to committee members that can apply for another term, if they desire

Attachments:

- Letter from NCSBN President May 23, 2022



Letter FROM THE President

POST-BOARD MEETING UPDATE

May 23, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

The Board of Directors (BOD) convened in person in Chicago this May, in contrast to May 2021 when our meeting was held virtually due to the status of the pandemic and varying levels of COVID-19 positivity rates. It was noticeable that we were smaller in number (nine) having lost two directors, Anne Coghlan and Amy Fitzhugh, who left the BOD in the last couple of months prior to the end of their terms. Both individuals made significant contributions to NCSBN, thought strategically, were passionate about nursing regulation and consistently focused on the importance of public protection and the mission of NCSBN. They will truly be missed.

Current environmental and legislative challenges as well as regulatory opportunities were certainly reflected during the environmental scan portion of the BOD meeting. Topics covered included the increased use of licensed practical nurses in acute care settings, cybersecurity, telework, regulatory waiver expirations, APRN full practice authority gains and losses, medical marijuana, workforce grants, ORBS, licensure of internationally educated nurses, COVID-19 issues, telehealth, and fraudulent education programs to name a few.

A key agenda item was to review and move forward recommendations to come before the Delegate Assembly (DA) in August. The primary recommendations for 2022 include:

- Approving the proposed NCSBN Strategic Initiatives for the years 2023-2025 and amendments to narrative statements associated with NCSBN values.
- Presenting 2022 Slate of Candidates.
- Approving the 2023 NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® test plans.
- Approving two Exam User Memberships, College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan and College of Registered Nurses of Alberta.

The LSC's excellent work resulted in a slate to be considered at the DA that reflects broad interest from the membership to serve in NCSBN leadership positions even though the last two years have been challenging for our members.



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POST-BOARD MEETING UPDATE, CONTINUED

Of note also is that the BOD received thoughtful and helpful comments from boards regarding the proposed strategic initiatives. These comments were considered and resulted in some changes that will be incorporated into the final draft. The NCSBN BOD greatly appreciates the membership engagement in this process.

As is customary this time of the year the BOD also considered a report from the Awards Committee noting those individuals who will be honored during the 2022 Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony. This year we will return to our usual in-person event and there will be an opportunity to congratulate those current members who were award recipients in 2020 and 2021 when we were operating in a virtual environment.

Thank you to each of you for continuing to lead, navigate and protect the public during what continues to be uncertain times across the globe. Your daily efforts are a significant contribution to health care, the workforce and the public that we serve.

Warm regards,



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